

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2001/11/21 : CIA-RDP80-00810A00110057TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and VP Trains 8857EVALUATION see belowPLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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1. The following troop trains were listed in railroad records between 24 and 29 March 1953:

B - boxcar  
 CB - converted boxcar  
 F - flatcar  
 SS - heavy duty flatcar

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Shipment-Record Number</u>
24	14 B, 41 F	Forst Zinna	Neuruppin	61181
	11 B, 27 F	Doeberitz	Forst Zinna	61165
	9 B, 34 F	Eberswalde	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	61827 61828
	10 B, 20 F	Jueterbog- Altes Lager	Dallgow- Doeberitz	61810
	9 B, 34 F	Loburg	Brandenburg- Altstadt	61922
	9 B, 34 F	Loburg	Brandenburg- Altstadt	61923
	2 B, 32 F	Altengrabow	Brandenburg- Altstadt	61924
25	9 B, 20 F	Forst Zinna	Neuruppin	61183
	19 B, 41 F	Neustrelitz	Luckenwalde	61392
	8 B, 20 F	Forst Zinna	Fuerstenberg	61179

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<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Shipment-Record Number</u>
26	1 B, 35 F, 13 CB	Jueterbog	Dallgow-Doeberitz	61178
	12 B, 34 F	Velten	Altengrabow	61155
	10 B, 24 F	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz	61176
	11 B, 25 F	Forst Zinna	Dallgow-Doeberitz	61177
28	12 B, 27 F	Altengrabow	Velten	61156
	6 B, 38 F	Luckenwalde	Neustrelitz	61294
29	15 B, 44 F; (empty)	Kummersdorf	Kroepelin	61968
	12 B, 40 F	Kummersdorf	Neubuckow	61969

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2. Troop trains observed by source between 20 and 26 March included:

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
20	26 cars with tanks and artillery pieces	Oschatz	Schwepnitz	2
21	4 B, 20 F with trucks	Jueterbog	Cottbus	3
	28 cars with trucks and artillery pieces	Cottbus	Weisswasser	4
25	26 cars with tanks and artillery pieces	Cottbus	Jueterbog	3
26	25 cars with tanks and artillery pieces	Leisnig	Schwepnitz	2
	4 B, 30 F with 40 canvas-covered motor vehicles	Frankfurt/Oder	Falkenberg	
	21 cars with artillery pieces	Lieberose	Eberswalde	5

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3. VP trains listed in railroad records between 20 March and 3 April included:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Shipment- Record Number</u>
20 March	undetermined with 50 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Berlin railroad district	183
21 March	10 B, 14 F	Grossenhain	Halle railroad district	185
	undetermined with VP personnel	Grossenhain	Frankenberg	190
26 March	undetermined with 100 VP personnel	Rietschen	Zittau	167b
	20 B with VP personnel	Schwerin railroad district	Grossenhain	183
27 March	undetermined with 25 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Greifswald railroad district	2001
30 March	undetermined with 100 VP personnel	Rietschen	Gera	168 b
	undetermined with 25 VP personnel	Grossenhain	Ueckermuende	2002
3 April	undetermined with 100 VP personnel	Rietschen	Baerenstein	169 b

The VP trains from Rietschen carried VP personnel which returned from field exercises in the Rietschen area.<sup>6</sup>

4. According to railroad records, the following empty railroad cars went eastward via Frankfurt/Oder between 23 and 29 March:

<u>Date in March</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>
23	60 B
24	52 B, F, SS
26	50 B
29	40 SS

5. VP trains identified from railroad teletype messages included:

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a train of 12 flatcars, shipment-record No 185, from Grossenhain to Oranienburg on 22 March [REDACTED]; and a train of 11 flatcars, shipment-record No 187, from Oranienburg to Guestrow on 23 March.<sup>6</sup>

6. Military shipments for Ruegen Island observed at Ruegendamm included: a train of an undetermined number of cars with 40 to 50 artillery pieces escorted by VP personnel on 10 March; and a train of an undetermined number of cars with 10 tanks escorted by military personnel on 14 March.<sup>7</sup>

1. Comment. The first 11 troop trains listed in paragraph 1, and the troop trains with shipment-record Nos 61176 and 61177 on 26 March 1953 were previously reported by other sources. The other troop trains are reported for the first time and include: Shipment-record No 61178. This train belongs to a transportation movement which also included the troop trains with shipment-record Nos 61176 and 61177. The three troop trains probably carried elements of the 2nd Light Arty Brig which returned to Doeberitz. On 23 and 24 March 1953, the same troops moved to Forst Zinna on trains with shipment-record Nos 61163, 61164 and 61165. See [REDACTED],
- Shipment-record Nos 61155 and 61156. The trains probably carried components of the 31st AAA Div. On 28 March 1953, contingents of this division possibly returned to their home station from Altengrabow where they had moved on the troop train with shipment-record No 61197 on 4 March 1953. See [REDACTED].
- Shipment-record No 61294. The train probably carried components of the 9th Gds Tank Div which returned to their home station. On 25 March 1953, the same troops went to Luckenwalde on the train with shipment-record No 61392. See [REDACTED].
- Shipment-record Nos 61968 and 61969. The trains were probably loaded with components of the 62nd AAA Div (US). It is improbable that the troop train with shipment-record No 61968 was empty.

2. Comment. These troop trains probably carried components of the 9th Tank Div from Oschatz and the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leisnig which went to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds for combat firing practices.

3. Comment. On 2 and 14 March 1953, a troop train with components of the 9th Mecz Div including several tanks and artillery pieces had moved to Justerbog. See [REDACTED]. On 21 March 1953, troops of the division probably returned to their home station, while other contingents were transported to Justerbog on 25 March 1953.

4. Comment. According to another source, a mortar unit of the 9th Mecz Div was unloaded at Weisswasser on 21 March 1953. See [REDACTED].

5. Comment. Other observations indicate that, on 23 March 1953, a troop train from Eberswalde to Lieberose carried elements of the 312th Gds RL Regt which returned on 26 March 1953.

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- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] Comment. The VP trains from Grossenhain to Oranienburg and the Berlin railroad district continue a previous transportation movement in the same direction. See [REDACTED] , 25X1A
- 25X1A [REDACTED] . The VP trains dispatched from Rietschen indicate that elements of the cadre units at Baerenstein, Zittau and Gera returned to their home stations after completion of field exercises in the area south-east of Weisswasser. The VP train with shipment-record No 188 from the Schwerin railroad district to Grossenhain possibly carried elements of the VP Panzerschule at Priemswald near Guestrow. See [REDACTED] . 25X1A
- 25X1A 7. [REDACTED] Comment. It is possible that the VP division in Prora received the artillery pieces and tanks. The tank shipment possibly was also escorted by VP personnel and not by Soviet soldiers as the VP uniforms are similar to those of the Soviets.

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